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DHS Responses to Open Records Requests in May 2013

On May 8 the department responded to an April 23 request by the Brown Winick law firm of Des Moines. The firm wanted copies of agreements between Iowa Medicaid and Coventry HealthCare of Iowa. There was no fee.

On May 13 the department responded to a May 8 request by Jason Clayworth of the Des Moines Register. Jason is doing a story on how state government spent certain assistance dollars following the 2008 floods. An explainer was sent to him along with a spreadsheet showing a list of payments under the 2008 "Unmet Needs Disaster Assistance Program." There was no fee.

On May 20 the department responded to a May 7 request by Daniel Hatcher of the University of Baltimore School of Law. Mr. Hatcher wanted information on the state's policy regarding the use of Social Security benefits to support children in foster care. There was no fee.

On May 22 the department responded to a March 27 request by Clark Kauffman of the Des Moines Register. Clark wanted to see a security video showing improper treatment of a student at the Iowa Juvenile Home in Toledo. Two workers responsible for the maltreatment were dismissed. A video, redacted to protect the identities of the student and of another child, was provided. There was no fee.